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Born to the most noble of Echidna houses, the latest to continue the family heritage and responsibility as **GUARDIAN OF THE FLOATING ISLAND**, defender of all the forces of evil from the world beyond as well as those who would threaten within, he is none other than... **KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA!**

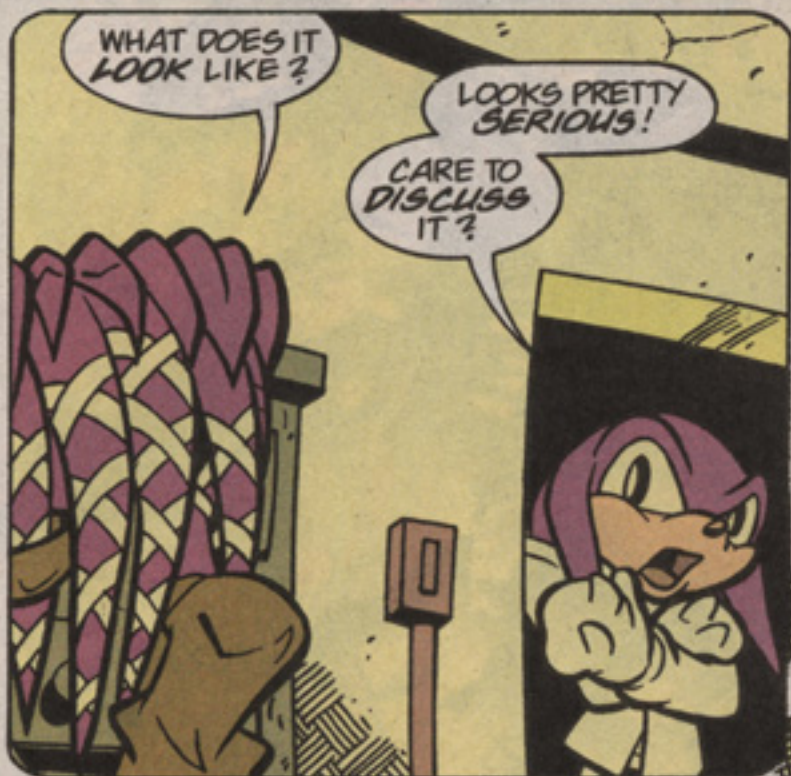


An uncommon force of nature has unleashed a **snowstorm** across the face of **The Floating Island**, wrecking havoc for all who dwell upon it. The **fury** that **nature** has created however, pales in significance to the events about to play out, with the participants on a collision course with **destiny**.

Somewhere in the snow-covered **Sandopolis Zone**, we find a downed shuttle containing **two of the key players...**



WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING, LARA?



WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?

LOOKS PRETTY SERIOUS!

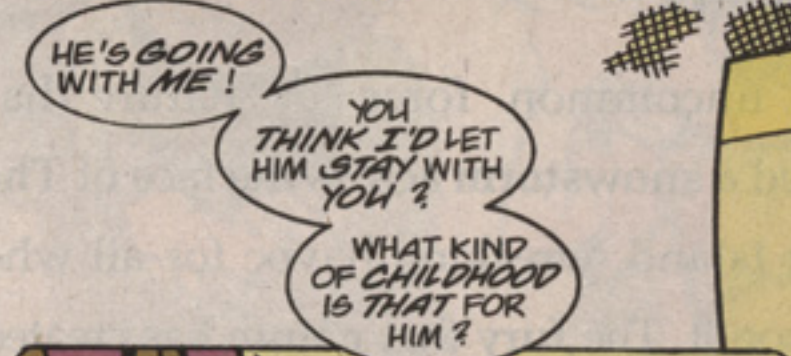
CARE TO DISCUSS IT?



I'VE TRIED TALKING TO YOU, LOCKE--

--BUT YOU DIDN'T LISTEN!

WHAT ABOUT KNUCKLES?



HE'S GOING WITH ME!

YOU THINK I'D LET HIM STAY WITH YOU?

WHAT KIND OF CHILDHOOD IS THAT FOR HIM?



I DON'T WANT YOU TO LEAVE, LARA, BUT I CAN'T FORCE YOU TO STAY!

AS FOR THE BOY--



AS LOCKE AND LARA-LE DISCOVER
THEY HAVE A LOT TO TALK ABOUT--

-- INSIDE ONE OF THE DWELLINGS THAT COMPRISE PART
OF THE ROYAL COMPOUND USED BY THE ROYAL HOUSE OF
ACORN, COMMANDER GEOFFREY ST. JOHN AND HIS ELITE
SQUAD HAVE BEEN MET BY THE ESTATE'S CARETAKERS, MRS.
SOMMERSBY, AND HER HUSBAND, A GRUFF BULLDOG KNOWN AS
THE COLONEL!



IT IS THE ARRIVAL OF ANOTHER
INDIVIDUAL INTO THE ROOM THAT NOW
DRAWS EVERYONE'S ATTENTION...

WHO ARE
YOU ?

MY NAME IS
ELIAS !

I TAKE IT
EVERYTHING'S
ALL RIGHT,
NANA ?



Once Upon A Time In
MOBOTROPOLIS



--I CAN'T ACCEPT THE *PREMISE* OF A FATHER FORGETTING HE HAS A SON SOMEWHERE!

I DON'T BELIEVE MY FATHER WOULD, EITHER!

YOU ARE MORE LIKELY HIS *INSTRUMENT*--

--SENT HERE TO DIVINE *FACT* FROM *FICTION*--

--NO MATTER WHAT THE *OUTCOME*!

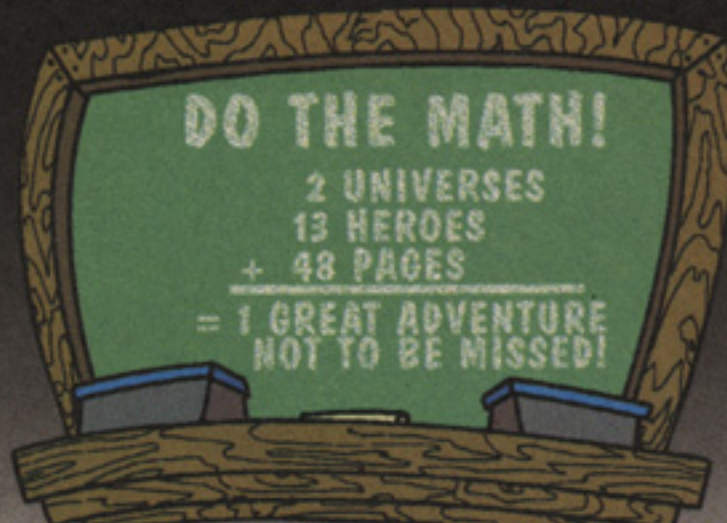
WHICH LEAVES YOU IN A *TOUGH* CORNER, KID!

MAYBE NOT, COMMANDER!

SINCE THE WEATHER IS NOT *HOSPITABLE* FOR TRAVEL THIS NIGHT--

--LET'S ALL GET A GOOD NIGHT'S REST, AND COME THE MORNING--

--I'LL TAKE YOU TO HAVEN!



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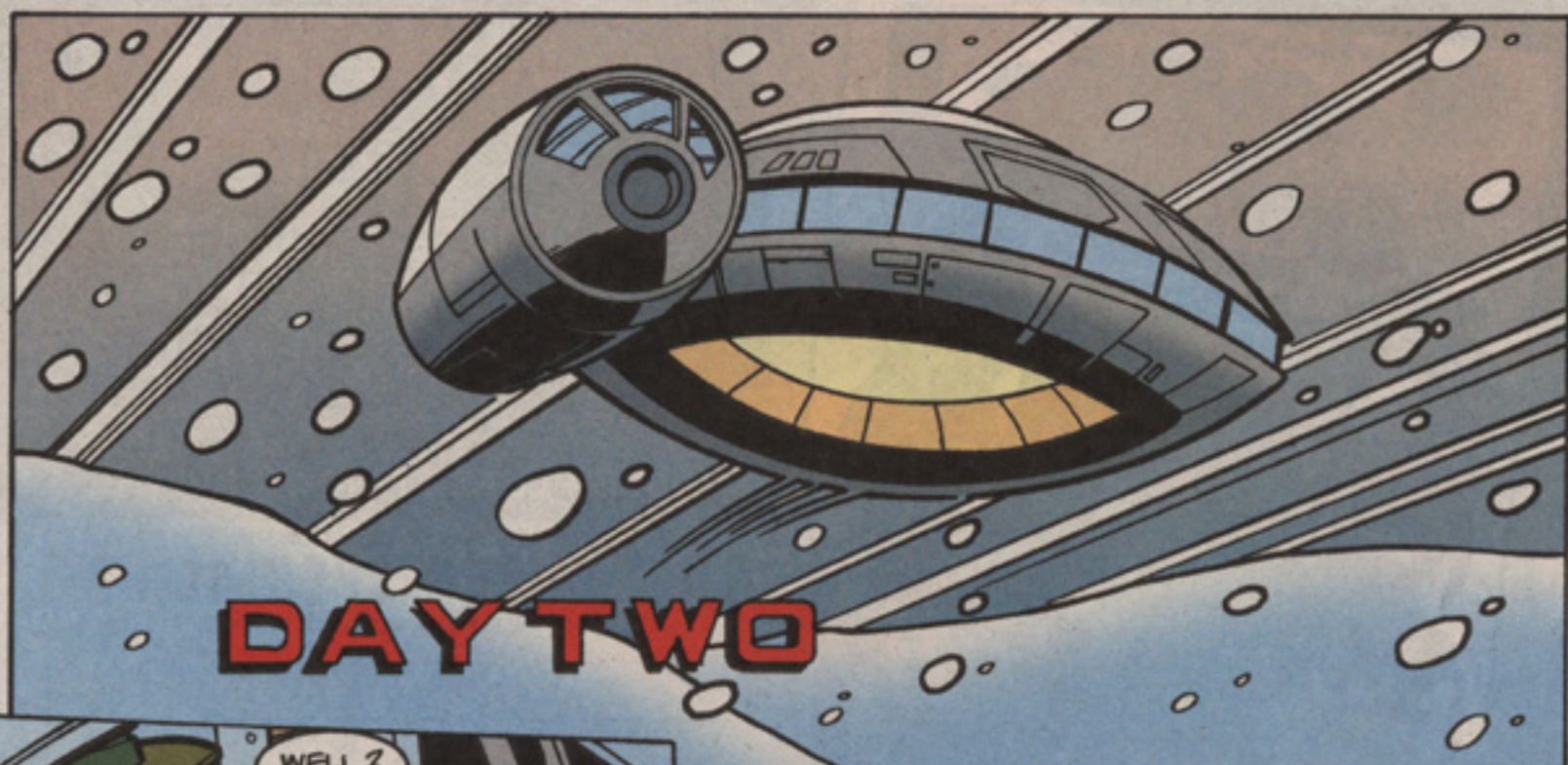


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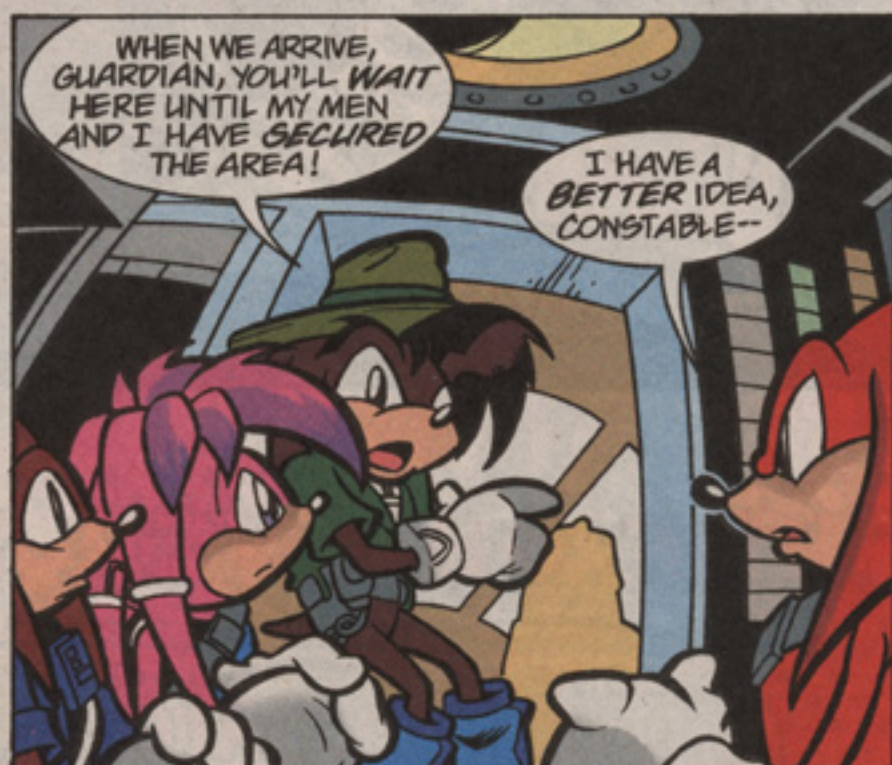
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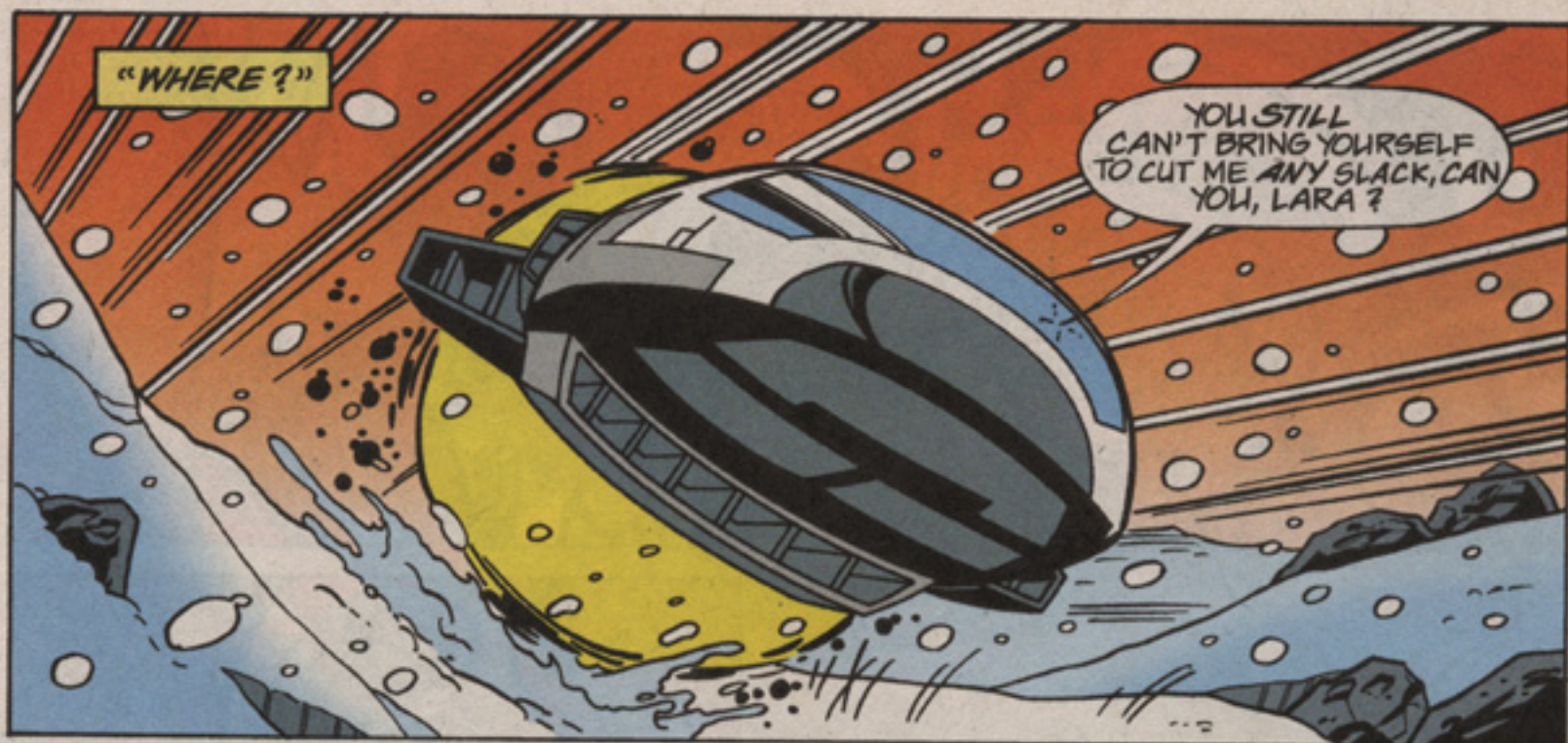
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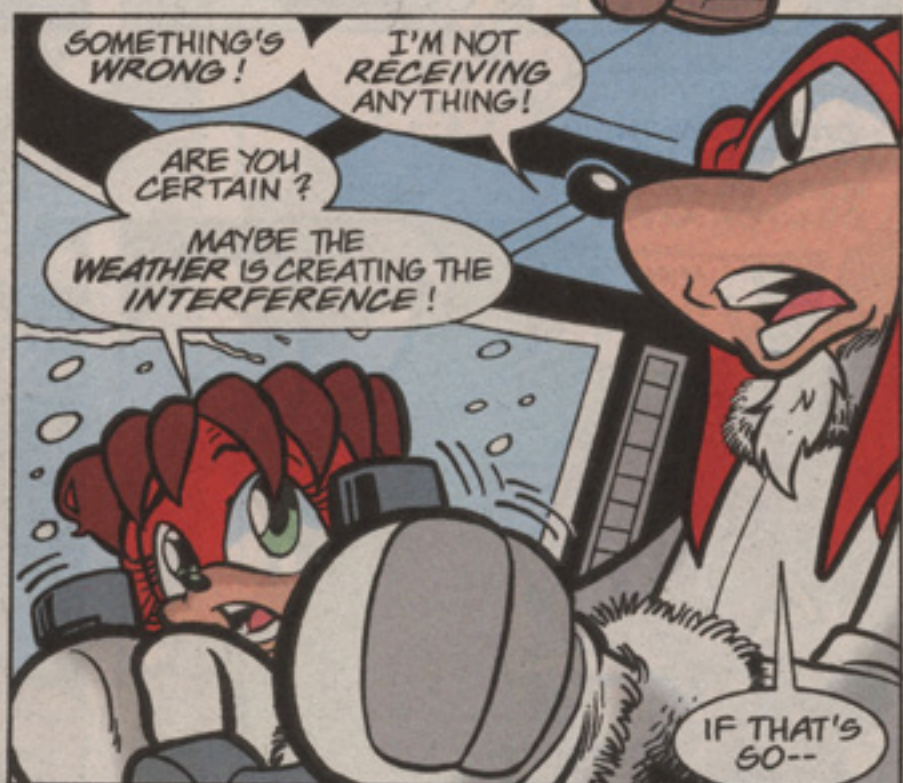
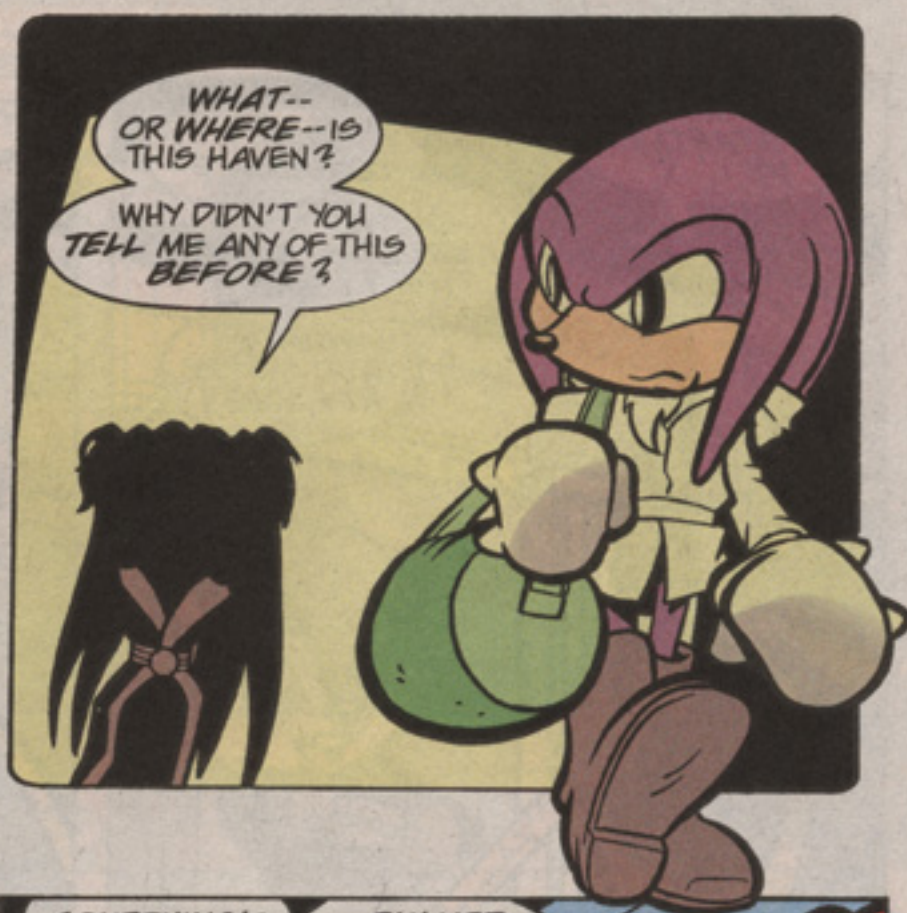
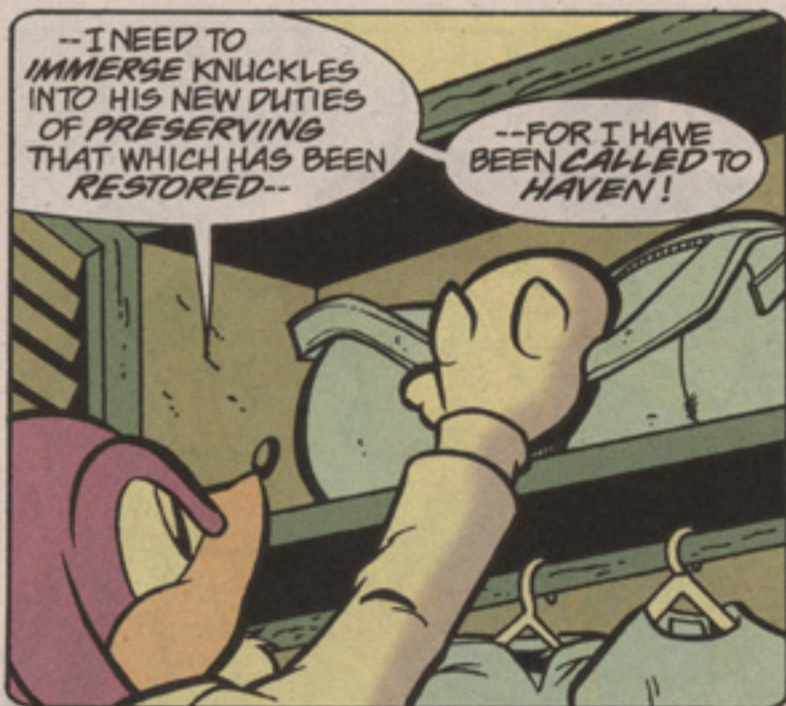


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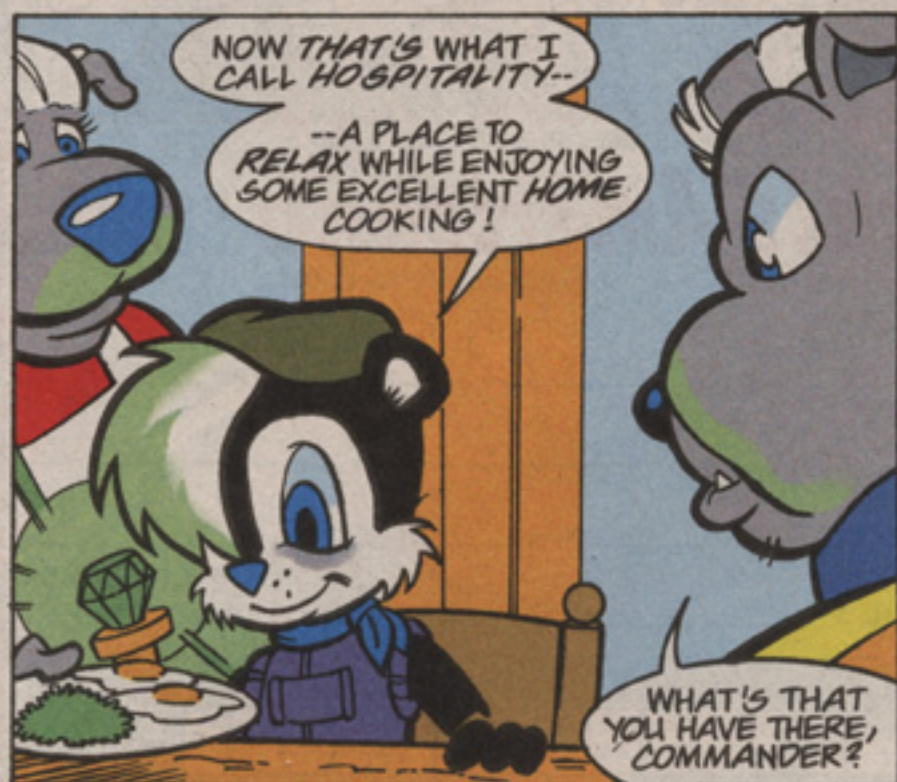


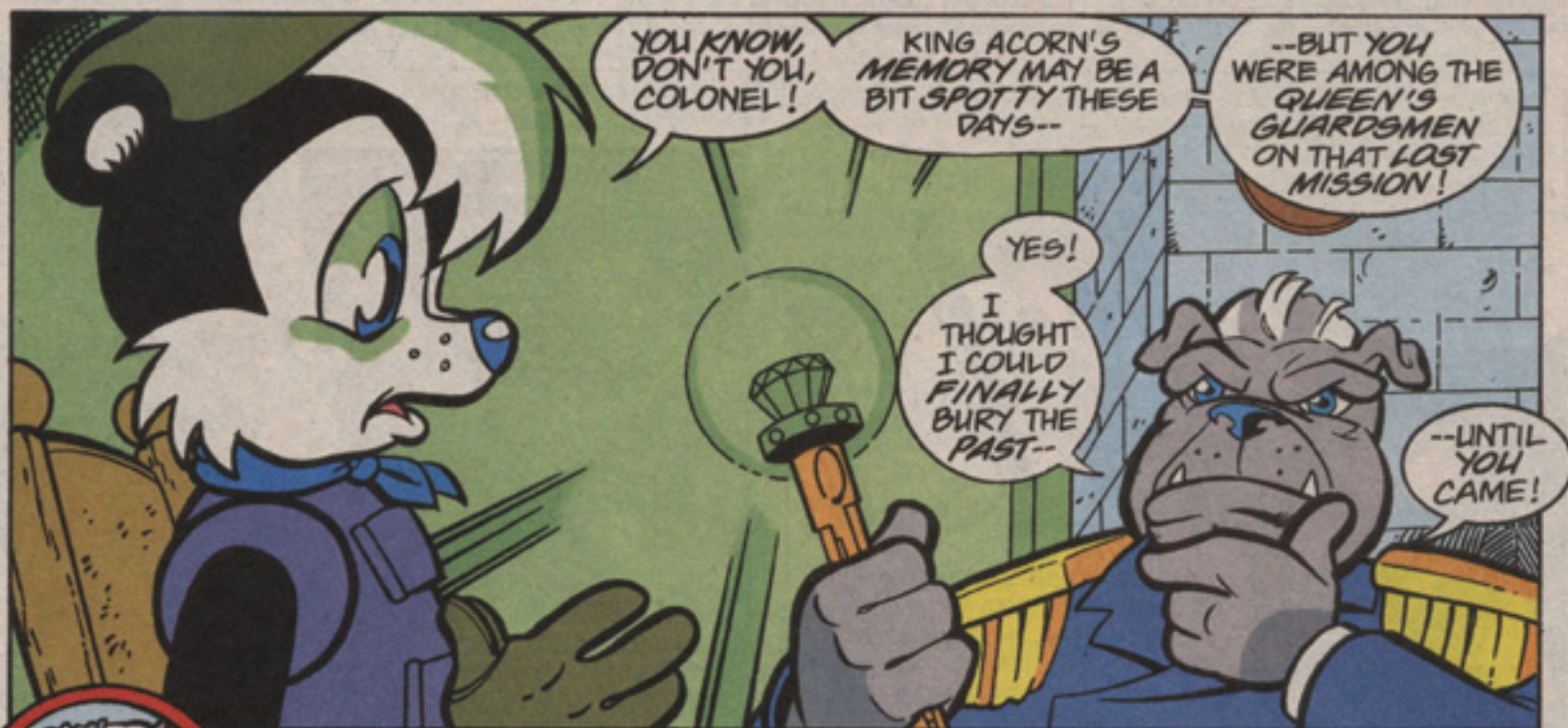












YOU KNOW, DON'T YOU, COLONEL!

KING ACORN'S MEMORY MAY BE A BIT SPOTTY THESE DAYS--

--BUT YOU WERE AMONG THE QUEEN'S GUARDSMEN ON THAT LAST MISSION!

YES!

I THOUGHT I COULD FINALLY BURY THE PAST--

--UNTIL YOU CAME!



AT FIRST, I THOUGHT YOU WERE A GHOST--

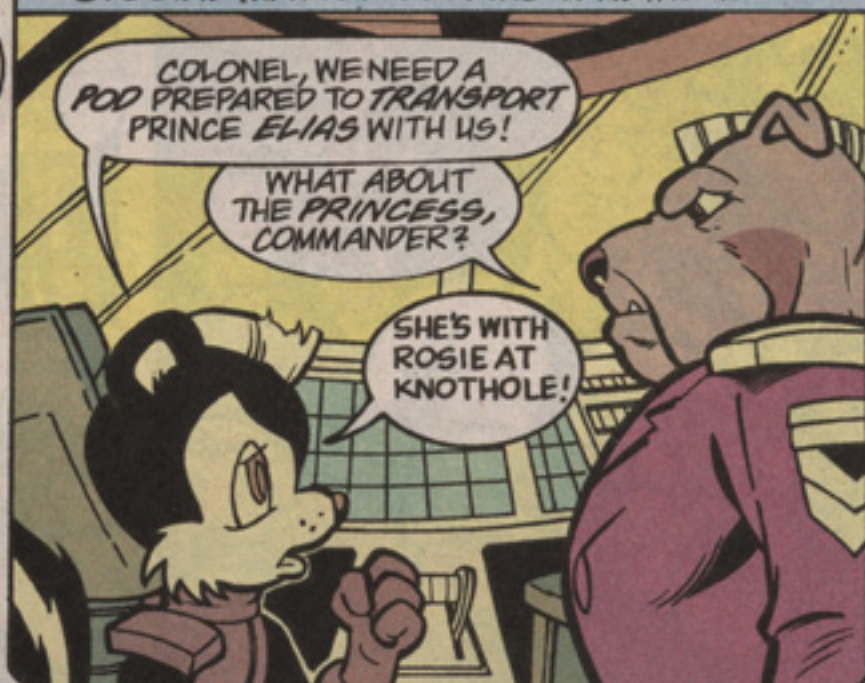
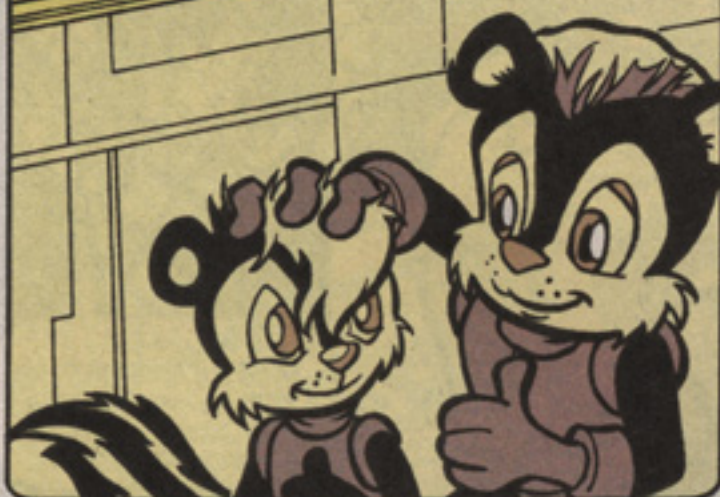
--UNTIL I REMEMBERED SEEING YOUR FATHER SAYING GOODBYE TO YOU AS WE READIED THE ESCAPE CRAFT FOR QUEEN ALICIA!

"I WAS YOUR FATHER'S RIGHT-HAND MAN BACK THEN, SO IT WAS ONLY NATURAL HE TURNED TO ME WITH A SPECIAL MATTER NEEDING TENDING TO..."

COLONEL, WE NEED A POD PREPARED TO TRANSPORT PRINCE ELIAS WITH US!

WHAT ABOUT THE PRINCESS, COMMANDER?

SHE'S WITH ROSIE AT KNOTHOLE!



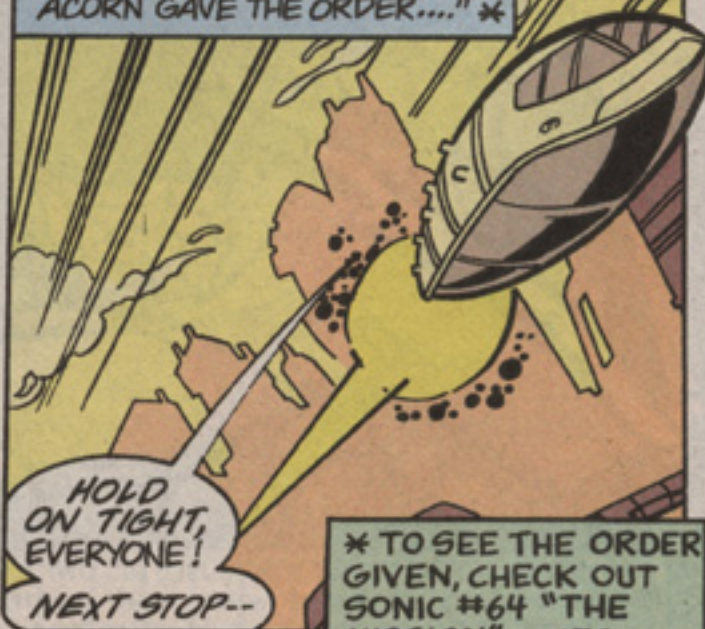
EVEN THOUGH THE EXISTENCE OF THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS IS A CLASSIFIED WARTIME STATE SECRET, THIS CRAFT IS ALREADY A BIG ENOUGH TARGET WITH THE QUEEN AND PRINCE ABOARD!

SHOULD ANYTHING HAPPEN--

--I DON'T WANT THE FALL OF THE HOUSE OF ACORN LAID AT MY TOMBSTONE!

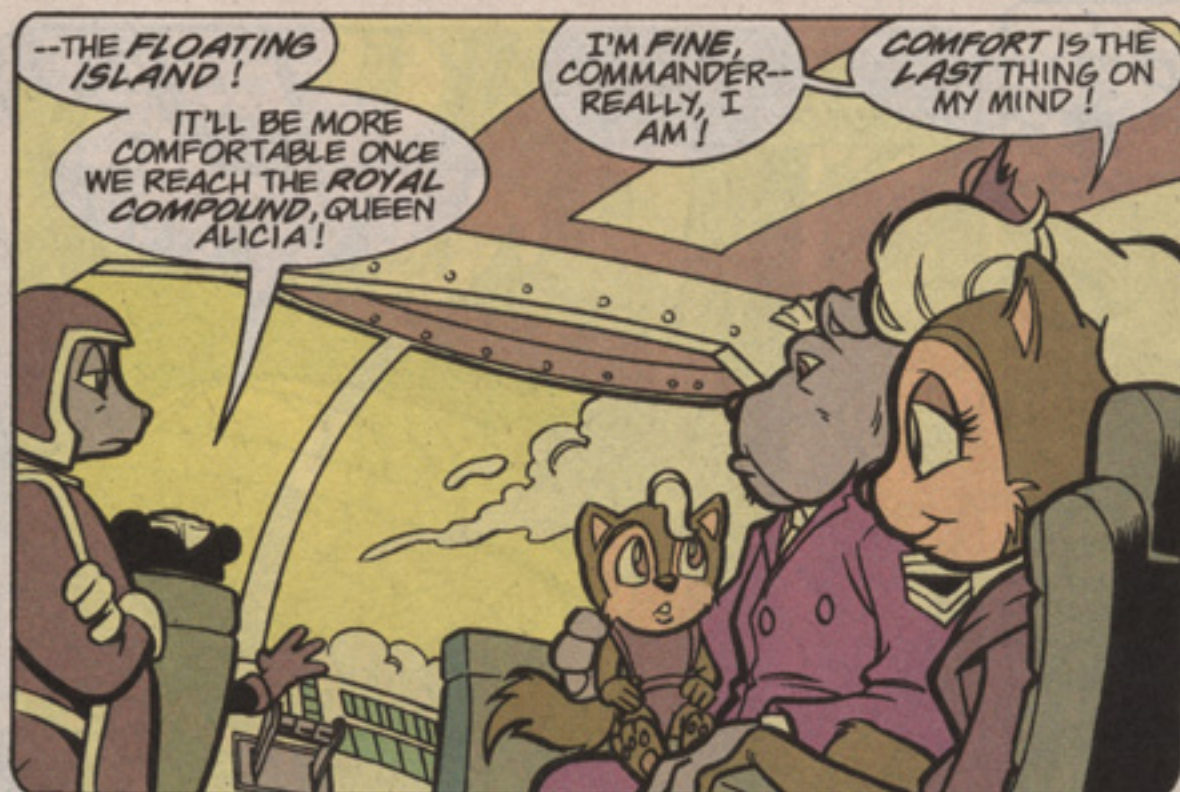


"DESPITE THE DESPERATE SITUATION, WE MANAGED TO BE AIRBORNE LESS THAN THIRTY MINUTES AFTER KING ACORN GAVE THE ORDER...." *



HOLD ON TIGHT, EVERYONE!
NEXT STOP--

* TO SEE THE ORDER GIVEN, CHECK OUT SONIC #64 "THE MISSION" --JFG



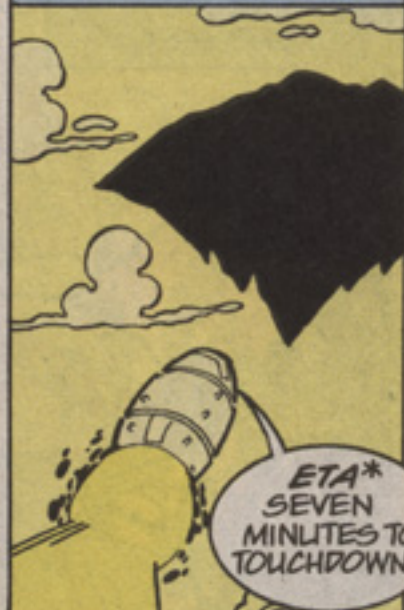
--THE FLOATING ISLAND!

IT'LL BE MORE COMFORTABLE ONCE WE REACH THE ROYAL COMPOUND, QUEEN ALICIA!

I'M FINE, COMMANDER-- REALLY, I AM!

COMFORT IS THE LAST THING ON MY MIND!

"WE HAVE JUST ABOUT MADE IT TO OUR DESTINATION WITHOUT INCIDENT, WHEN..."



ETA* SEVEN MINUTES TO TOUCHDOWN!

*ESTIMATED TIME OF ARRIVAL-- CAPTAIN GABRIE.



WHAT THE-- ?!!

WE'RE HIT!!!

SECURE THE QUEEN AND THE PRINCE!!



ELIAS!! I MUST GET TO ELIAS!

WE'RE TAKING CARE OF HIM, YOUR MAJESTY!

YOUR SAFETY IS A PRIMARY CONCERN AS WELL!



"AFTER SECURING THE YOUNG PRINCE, I SCRAMBLED TO THE COCKPIT..."

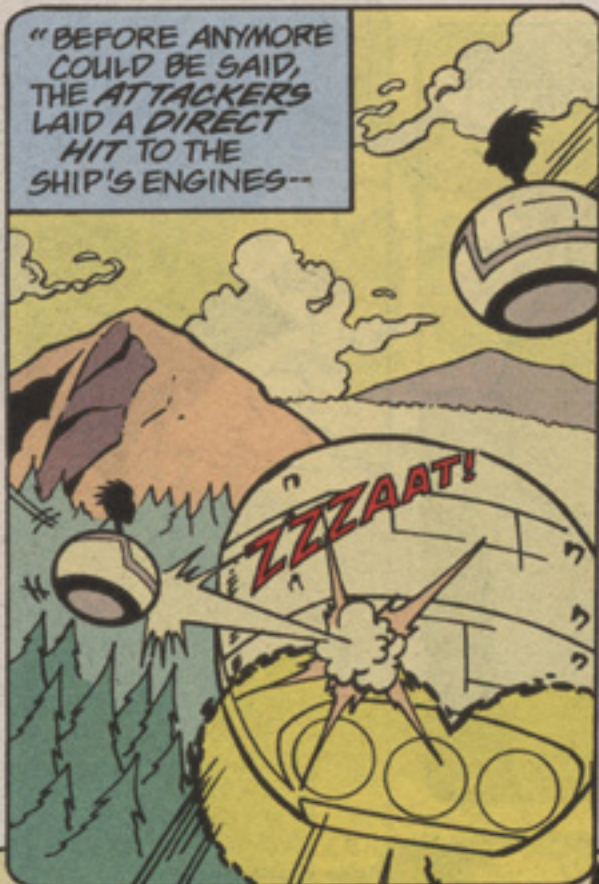
WHAT'S GOING ON, COMMANDER ?!

OVERLANDER ATTACK!

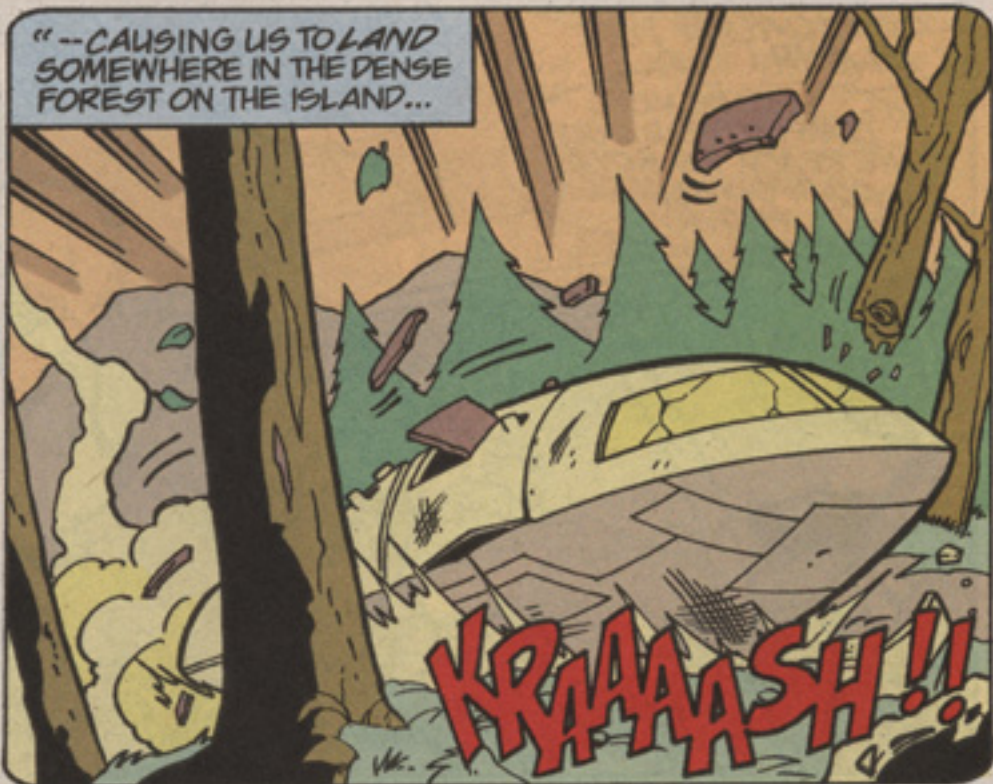
THEY WERE USING THE ISLAND AS COVER!

BUT HOW--?

"BEFORE ANYMORE
COULD BE SAID,
THE ATTACKERS
LAID A DIRECT
HIT TO THE
SHIP'S ENGINES--



"--CAUSING US TO LAND
SOMEWHERE IN THE DENSE
FOREST ON THE ISLAND...



"...WHEN I CAME TO, I FOUND
WRECKAGE SCATTERED
EVERYWHERE AS FAR AS
THE EYE COULD SEE..."



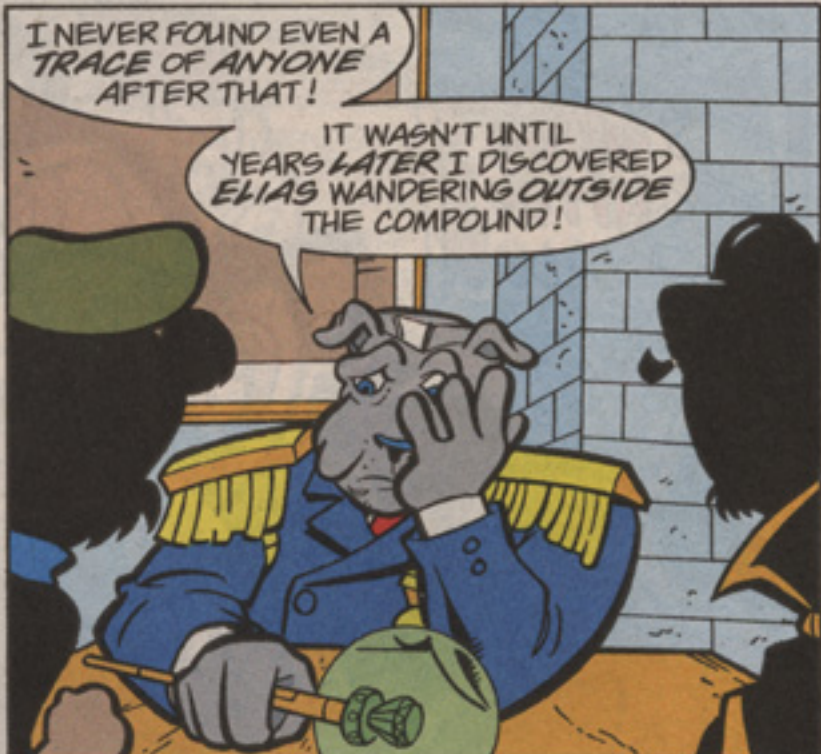
COMMANDER!

QUEEN
ALICIA!

CAN ANYONE
HEAR ME?!!

I NEVER FOUND EVEN A
TRACE OF ANYONE
AFTER THAT!

IT WASN'T UNTIL
YEARS LATER I DISCOVERED
ELIAS WANDERING OUTSIDE
THE COMPOUND!



"NATURALLY, I WAS
SUSPICIOUS..."

HOW
DO I KNOW
YOU'RE WHO
YOU CLAIM
YOU ARE?

OTHER THAN MY
FAMILY, ONLY THE
QUEEN'S
GUARDSMEN WOULD
RECOGNIZE THE
MARK I BEAR!



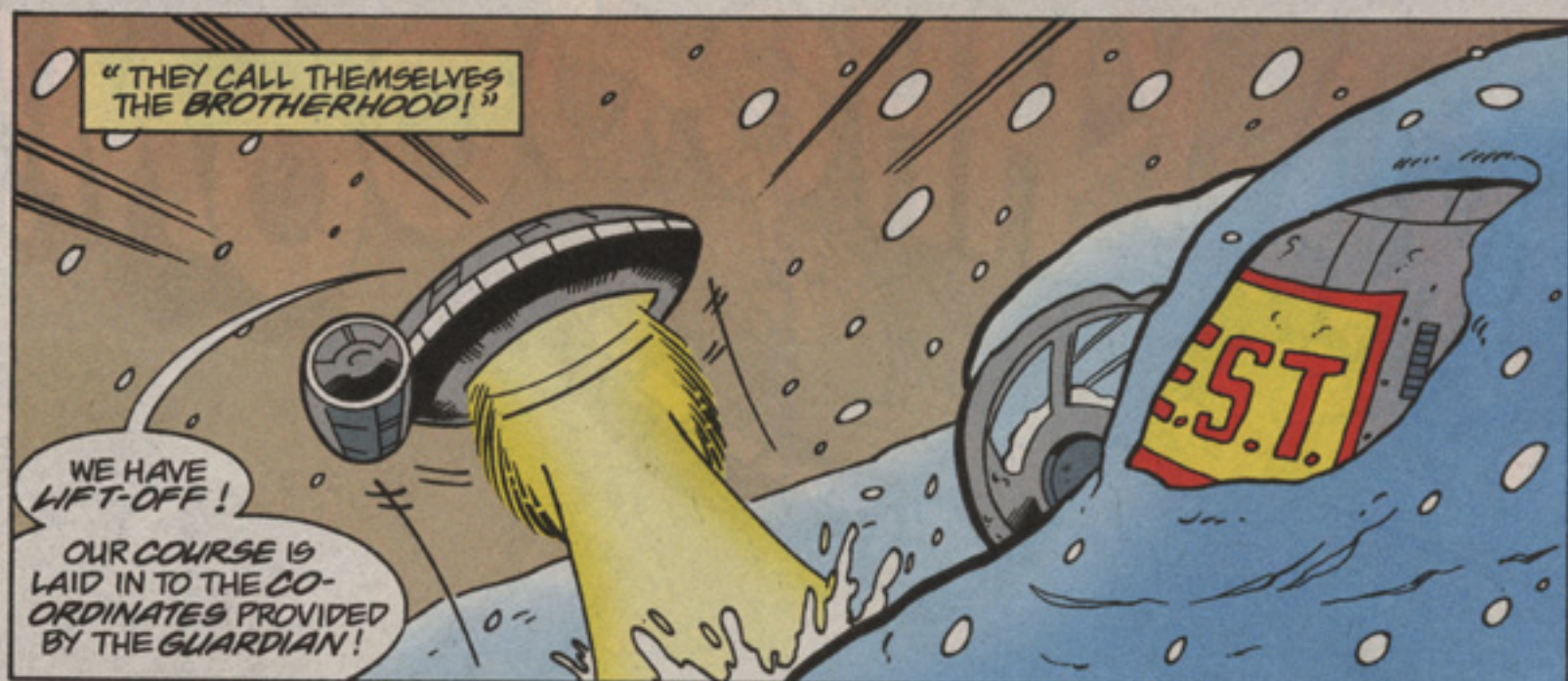
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WAS THE
CLINCHER,
EH?

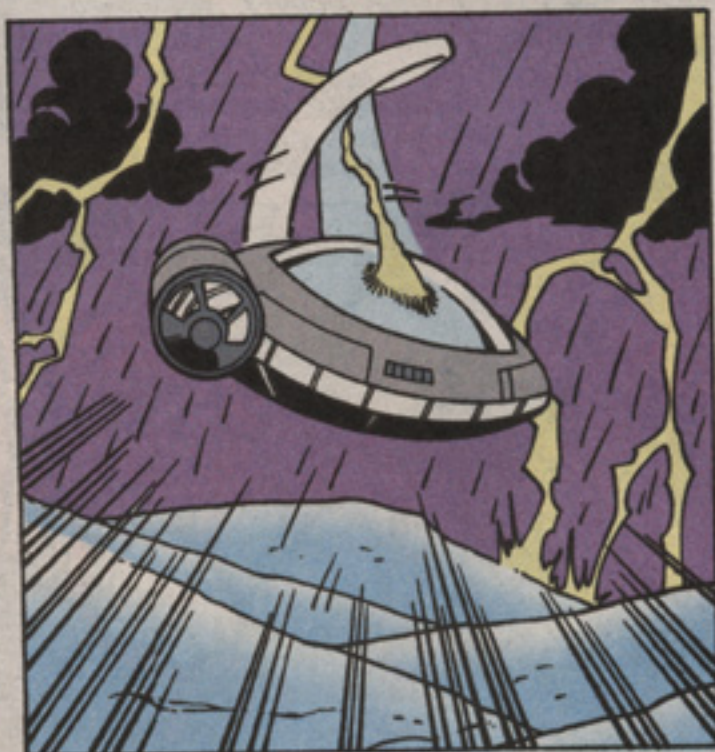
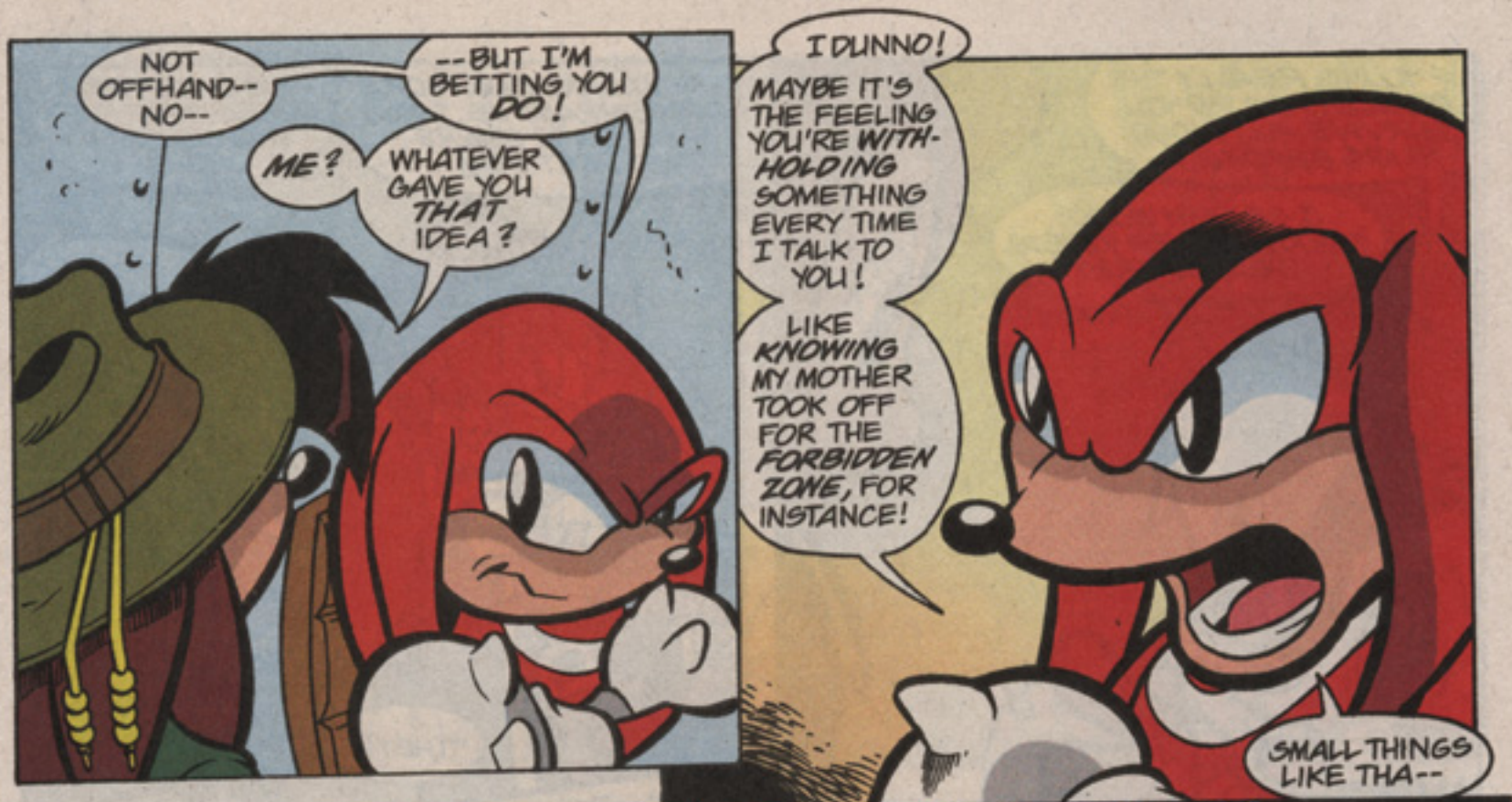
BEYOND
QUESTION! I
KNEW THEN IT
WAS ELIAS!

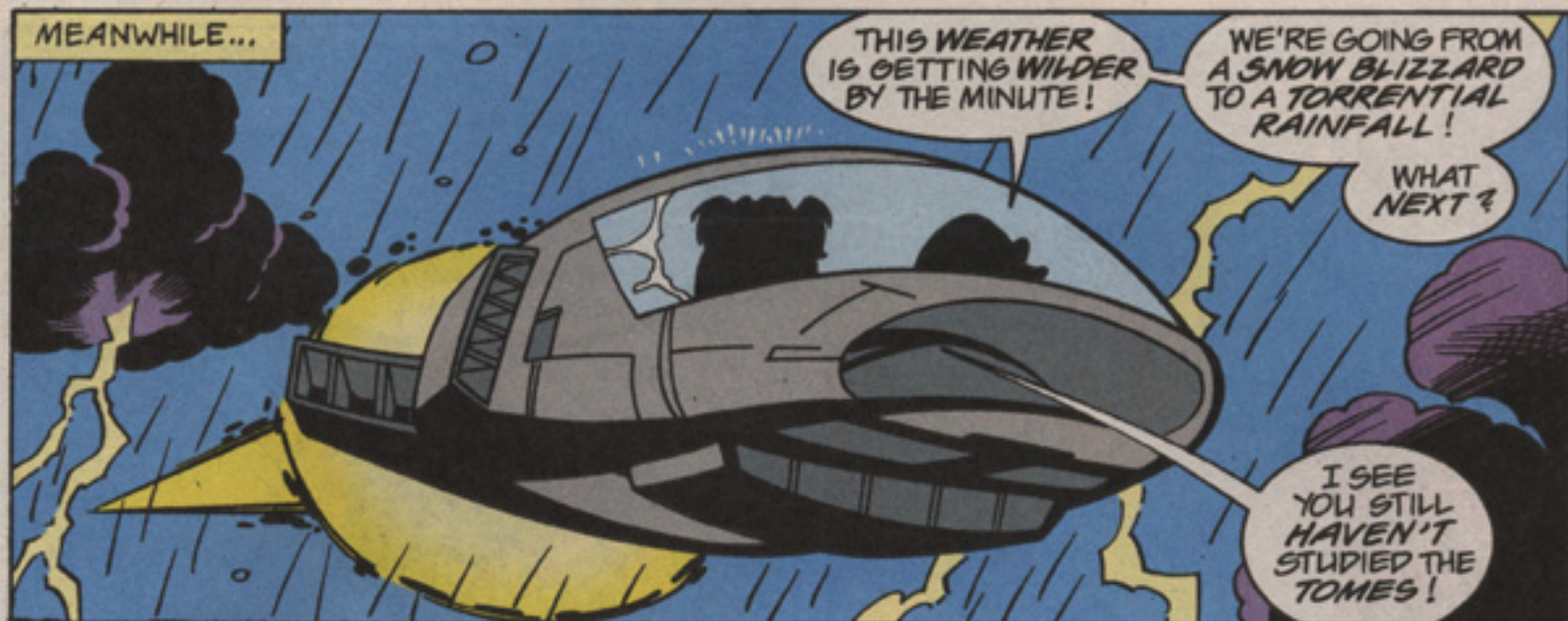
I JUST
DIDN'T KNOW
HOW!

WHAT
ABOUT
YOU?









--I DID NOT
COME ALL THIS
WAY TO GO
ADVENTURING
WITH YOU!

THEN WHY
DID YOU
COME?



I CAME TO
DISCUSS OUR
SON--

--AND THE LOUSY
JOB YOU DID AS A
PARENT!

WHILE MY FIRST
INCLINATION IS TO
DISAGREE VEHEMENTLY*
WITH YOU, I'M AFRAID
IT'LL HAVE TO WAIT A
LITTLE LONGER!

WHATEVER
FOR?



*STRONGLY-
DICTIONARIES
-R US.

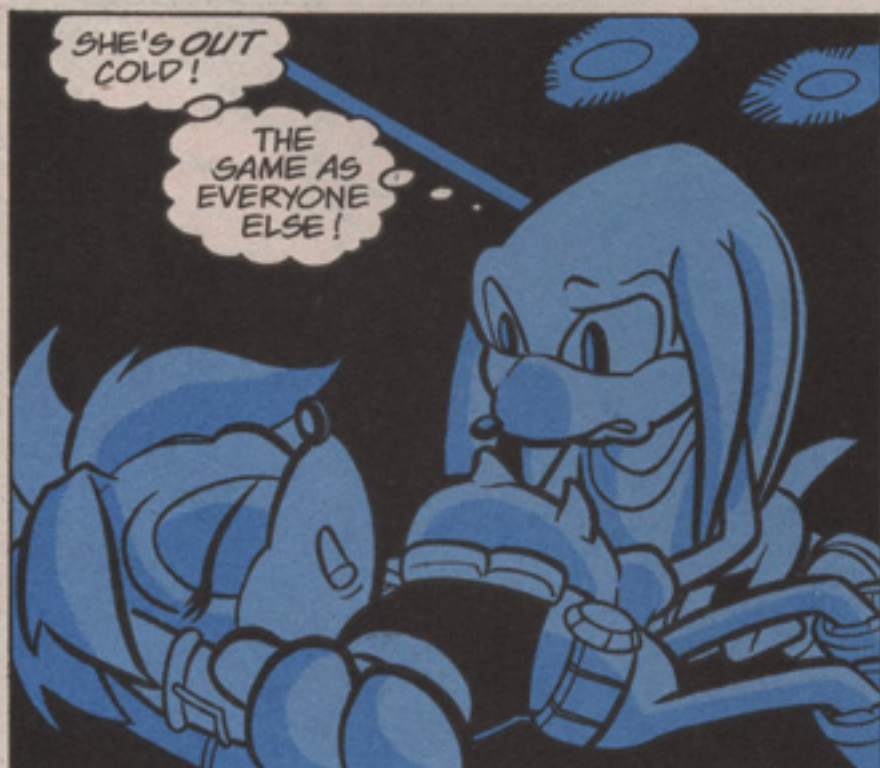
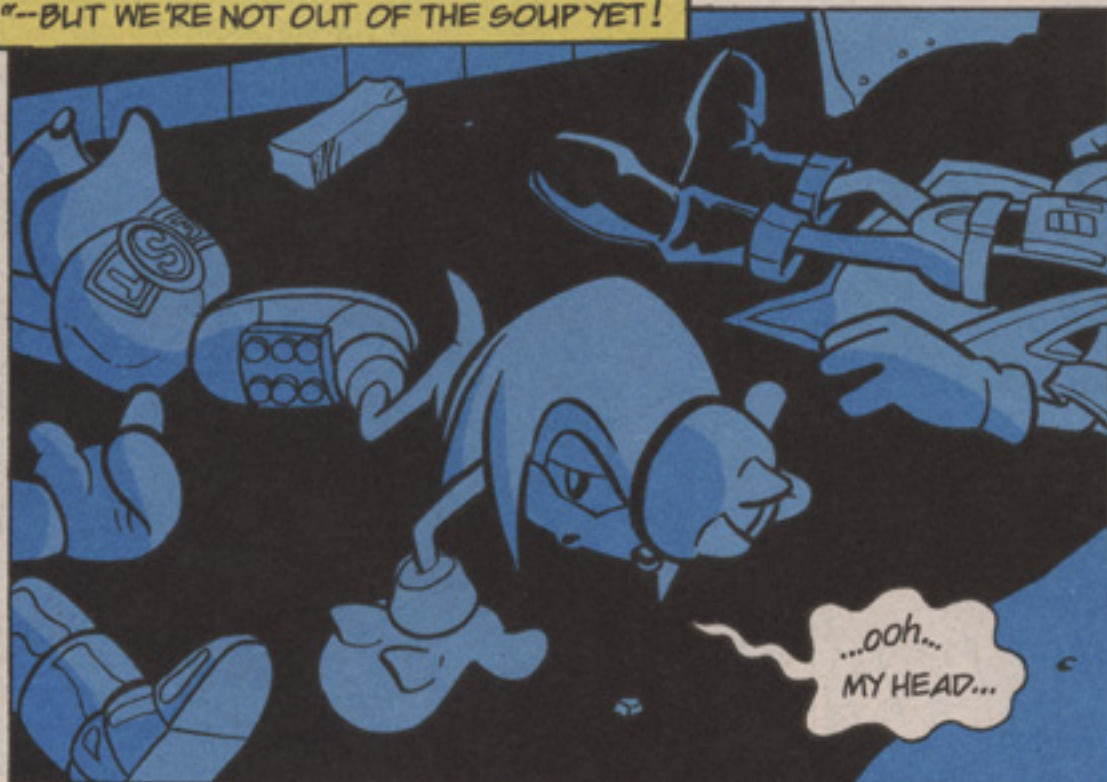


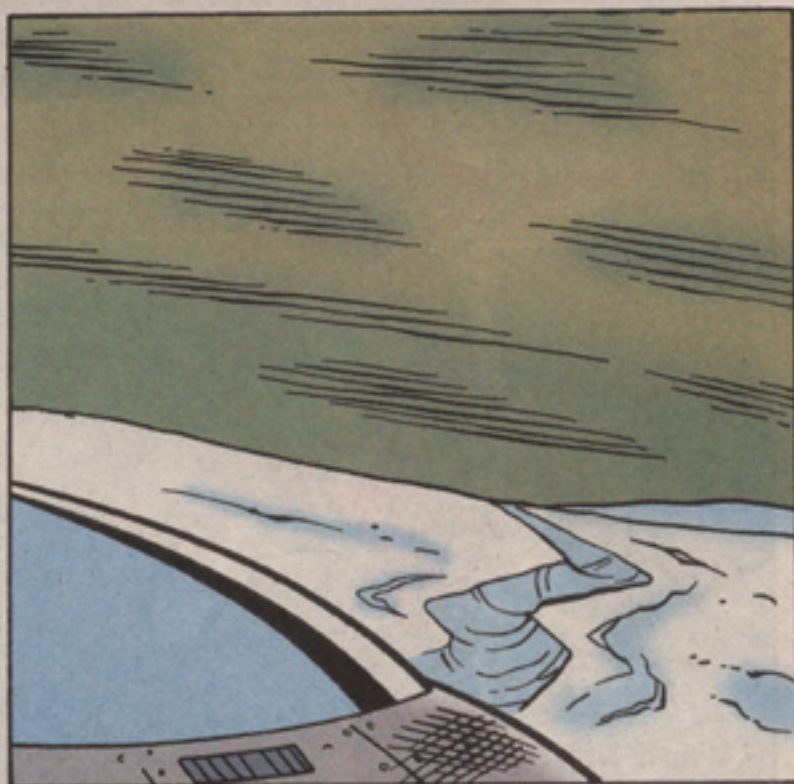
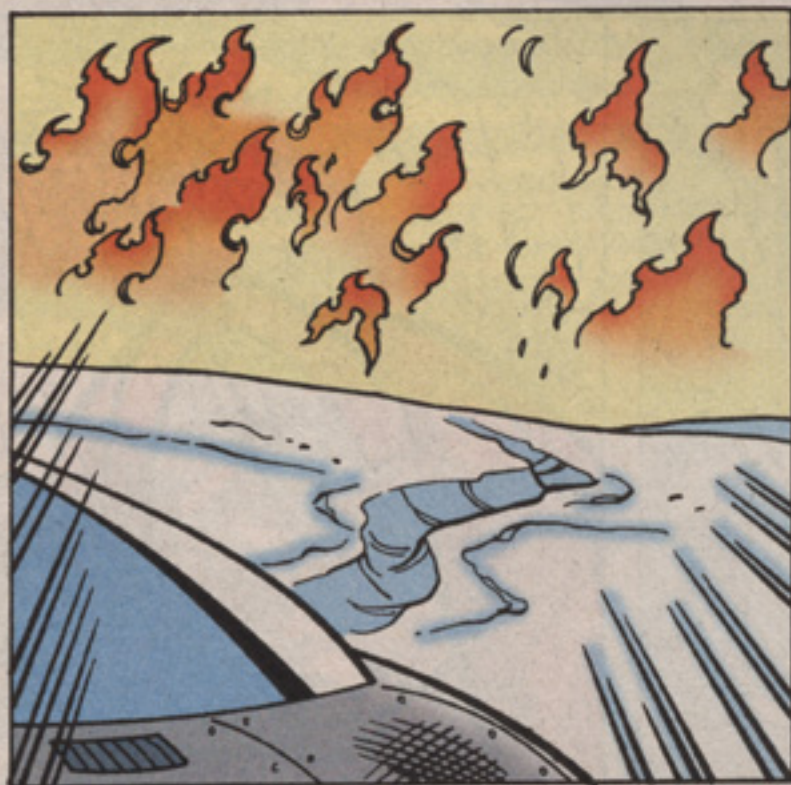
EVEN AS OUR
JOURNEY GREW MORE
TREACHEROUS--



PARDON ME
IF I CONTINUE
PLAYING THE
SKEPTIC--

"--BUT WE'RE NOT OUT OF THE SOUP YET!





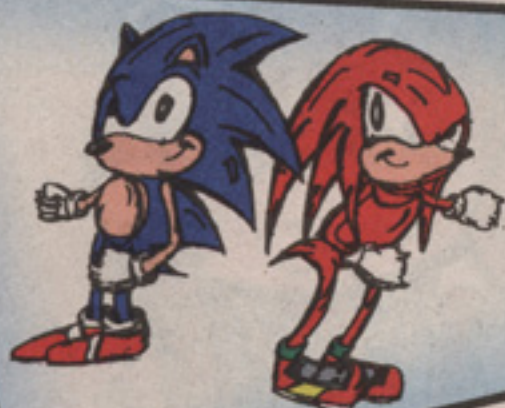


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AM I?

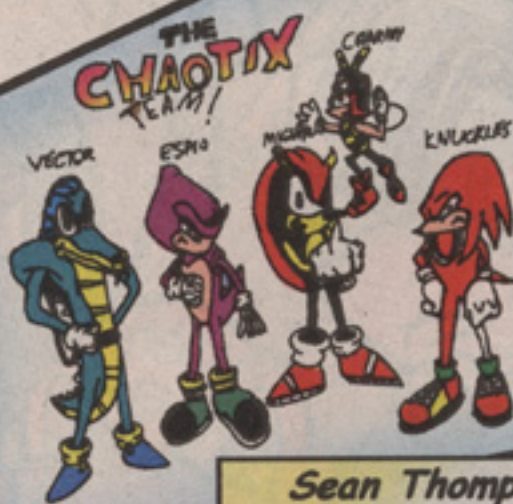
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ASTONISHING CONCLUSION!!
(Hey! it's *ONLY* thirty days--
give or take!)

Knuckles

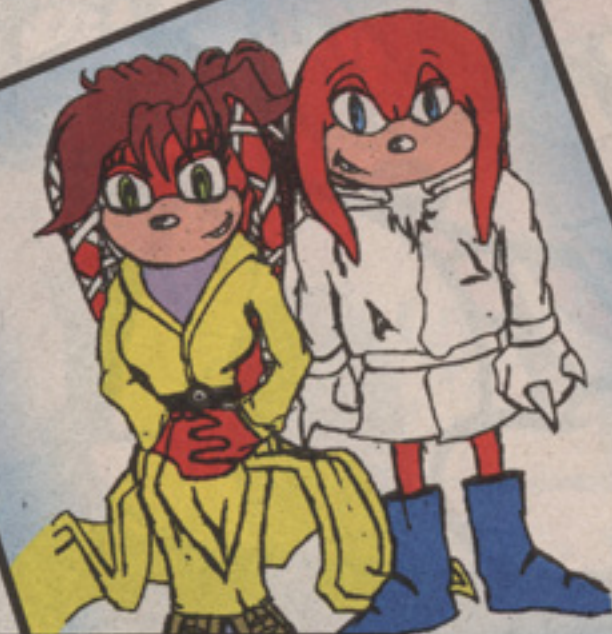
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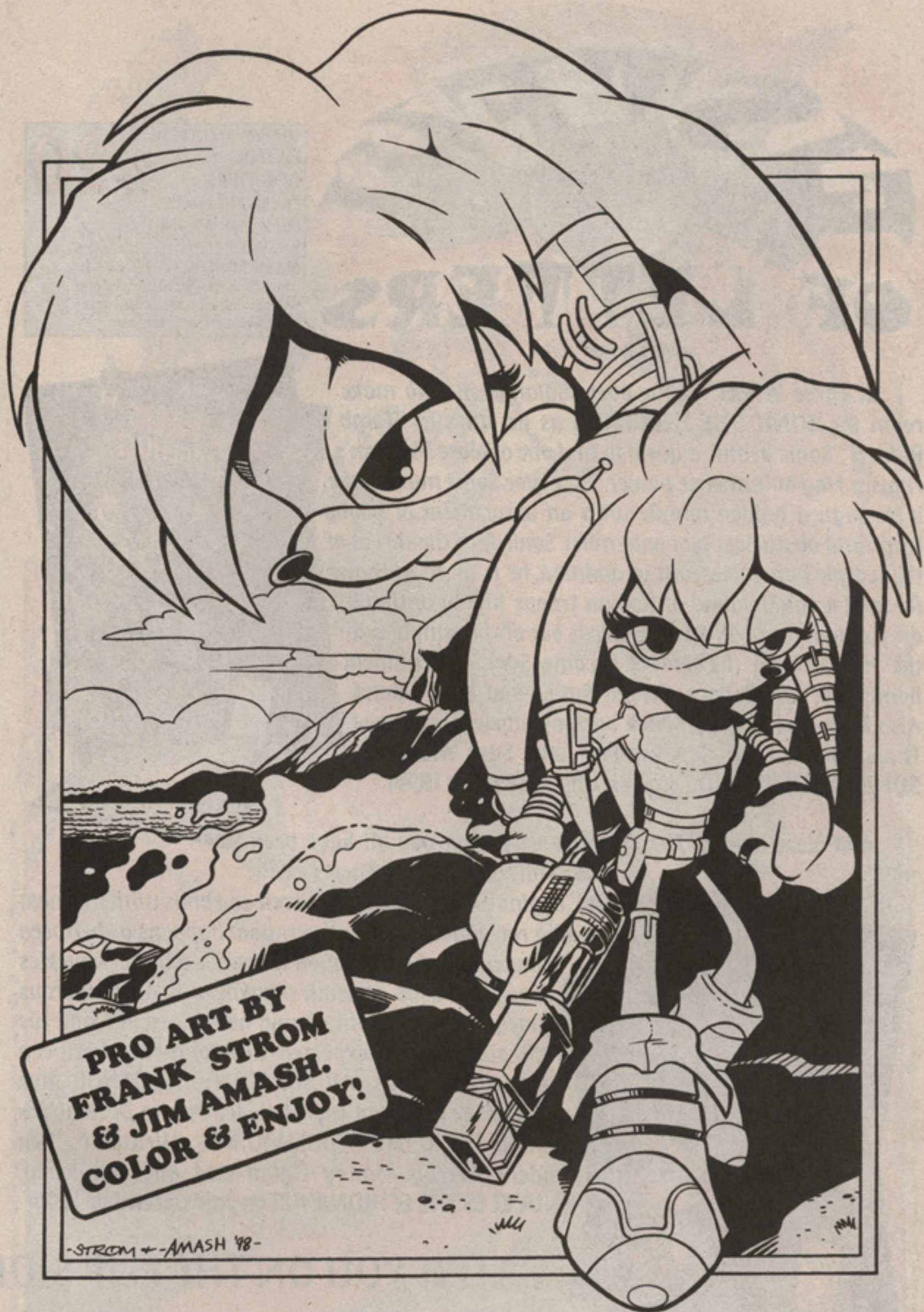


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